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BAPTIST COLLEGES' RESPONSES TO CONVENTION ACTIONS AND BOLD MISSIONS

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INTRODUCTION

I. The histories of North Carolina Baptist colleges and the Baptist State Convention have intersected and intertwined since 1834. While not all of the colleges were begun by the Convention per se, all were begun by Baptists, with strong convictions about the need for Christian higher education. The seven colleges have been in operation for a total of 729 years. Currently, faculty and staff number 1,441. During the 1977-78 academic year, total enrollment of the colleges was 13,000.

Christian education is Christianity operating in the field of enlightenment. Because Christians affirm the doctrine of creation, there is no subject of investigation which is inappropriate for Christian education, from Art to Zoology. The telescope becomes the tool of the Kingdom for those who believe that "The heavens declare the glory of God." The historian's pen and the biologist's microscope are welcome allies to those whose quest is "That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth."

Baptists should fear nothing any more than the attempt to divorce goodness from enlightenment. The liberation of the mind from ignorance and prejudice is not in conflict with the Gospel. If sin is the arch enemy, it prospers best and damages most when it grows in the soil of ignorance.

The story of man is laced with descriptions of the demonic; but it also details the sad and tragic outcome when people "know not what they do." There can be no sound argument against the marriage of goodness and enlightenment. To the contrary, there is ample evidence that Christian people, guided by reason, are the only hope such a world as ours may have.

Therefore, Baptist colleges serve Christ and Baptist people best when they are truest to their primary mission, Christian education. Christian education is education under Christian auspices for Christian ends. A Christian college is a college founded and maintained and conducted by Christian people in the service of the Kingdom of God.

II. The contents of this booklet should not be read as a broad description of institutional purpose, or as a narrow definition of Christian purpose in Baptist colleges. To the contrary, the colleges' Christian mission must always include the governance and policies of the institutions, as well as the day-to-day classroom and campus encounters, and the presuppositions from which they proceed.

The pages that follow speak a brief and simple message. They outline some of the less-well-known aspects and activities which are consistent with the mission of the Christian college. Furthermore, they are offered as supporting evidence that North Carolina Baptist colleges are sensitive to the concerns of Baptist people, especially as they were expressed during the Baptist State Convention's annual session in 1977.

North Carolina Baptist colleges are on mission, full partners in the Christian missionary enterprise. We seek to inspire all educational endeavors with the Christian ideal, and to inspire all Christian endeavors with the educational ideal. Thus, with our never-completed commission calling us forward, your colleges join the churches and the Convention in the quest for the more excellent way.

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CAMPBELL COLLEGE

This review of the ministry of Campbell College has been prepared by a committee of the Director of Religious Activities, Chairman of the Religion Department and the Director of Public Information of the College.

The review is an effort to analyze the participation of college students and employed personnel in the activities of the Baptist State Convention and the local Baptist churches of North Carolina. It is not intended to be exhaustive, but is intended to show that Campbell College seriously seeks to relate its students to the life of the Baptist State Convention and to local churches.

The Director of Religious Activities seeks to provide opportunities beyond the class-room experience for the expression of Christian convictions and ideals. His task is, among others, to coordinate the efforts of six Religious Activities Clubs on-campus and off-campus. In addition to B.S.U., clubs recognized as on-campus organizations include Baptist Young Women, Christian Vocational Alliance, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, Iota Chi Sigma and the Religious Education Club.

Through broad efforts of these various organizations, and with major efforts through B.S.U., the following student activities were carried out in 1977-78:

1. B.S.U. Outward Journey for 1977-78 included 58 Outreach Teams, weekly nursing home ministry, weekly Yokefellow prison ministry, regular participation in county mental retardation program, weekly tutoring program in local elementary school, 27 appearances by folk music team, and 25 appearances by newly-formed puppet ministry team.
2. B.S.U. Inward Journey Ministry included a week-beginning breakfast devotional (Dawnbreaker), improvement and enlargement of a special interest library in the B.S.U. Center, relationship with International Students for dialogue purposes, ministry to students in college infirmary, and presentation of the drama "The Greatest Play Ever Written."

3. B.S.U. state-wide retreats at Ridgecrest (fall) and Caraway (spring). B.S.U. Council retreat at Caraway (September '77). National (black) Baptist Student Convention in Knoxville (April '78), and Foreign Missions Board Medical Missions Conference (April '78).
4. Student publications of Crossroads and Messenger, religious news sheets on a monthly basis.
5. B.S.U. contributed \$1,500 through the Baptist State Convention Campus Ministries Division for the support of Student Summer Missions Ministries. Also, \$640 was provided by the B.S.U. for partial support of individual Campbell College students in all-volunteer projects.

Through the Religious Activities office, the Cultural Enrichment Program (chapel) is presented 24 times each semester with approximately one-half of them being of religious nature. Approximately 15 Convention personalities and 20 Baptist ministers and staff members were on campus during 1977-78 for C.E.P. and Religious Activities clubs programs. A special conference related to Techniques of Witnessing on the College Campus was conducted by the Associate in the Baptist State Convention Department of Evangelism, and student costs were supplemented for such conferences as the Engaged Couples Retreat at Caraway.

During the Spring of 1978, Campbell College cooperated with Little River Baptist Association in hosting a Special Missions Fair in Carter Gymnasium. In addition, a "Summer Awareness Day" is planned each fall, giving students acquaintance with opportunities for summer employment. Through joint efforts of various departments, we have knowledge of 108 students employed in Convention or local church ministries for the summer of 1978. In addition to "Summer Awareness" plans for the fall of 1978, plans are being developed for a Special Missions Day during the approaching school year in which broad orientation for World Missions opportunities will be included in C.E.P., appropriate classes in any academic department and a special series of displays and conferences in the afternoon and evening.

A week during each regular semester of the academic year holds special religious significance. In November, the Thomas F. Staley Lectures feature outstanding Christian speakers and in February, Religious

Emphasis Week is observed. This past year, Dr. William (Bill) Hinson of First Baptist Church of New Orleans and Dr. Dan Griffin of First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem were on campus as a part of these activities.

Campbell College is constantly seeking for ways to relate classroom knowledge to the setting of a practiced faith. While the college purposes are primarily academic in nature, the Practicum for most of the Religion majors and the In-Service and Volunteer segments of campus life are considered vital outlets for expressions of Christian faith by the members of the Student Body. Students are provided various opportunities to be involved in church programs and events and to achieve a better understanding of the doctrinal, ethical and other ideals of Baptist people. The ways in which these objectives are implemented will be listed as briefly as possible.

Of 190 students in Church related vocations at Campbell College, most of them pursue the B.A. degree in Religion, the B.S. degree in Church Ministries or the B.S. degree in Religious Education.

Five full time professors and two part time professors teach in the Religion and Philosophy Department, all holding earned doctorates. A Southern Baptist Missionary teaches in the Department and offers counsel to mission volunteers. All professors are competent scholars and committed to Jesus Christ as the Lord of life and Saviour of the world. The faculty members in the Department of Religion and Philosophy have earned degrees from seven colleges and universities and four of our Southern Baptist seminaries. Professors in this department are active churchmen, serving as deacons, teachers, committee chairmen and interim pastors in local churches. Professional church leaders are frequent guests and participate in classes and other organized meetings.

The curriculum of the Religion Department at Campbell College stresses practical preparation in combination with knowledge of textual materials.

Interested students may combine a Religion and Philosophy major, or Religion and Music, or may take a concentration in Youth Ministry or Religious Education which requires a Practicum in a local church setting. Also, the Religion Department secretary serves in efforts to involve students in part-time paid staff opportunities while they are enrolled in Campbell College.

As a part of the joint efforts of the Library and Religion Department staffs, a Curriculum Lab housing all current materials of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board, WMU, Brotherhood, et al., has recently been established in Taylor Hall, Room 128. This lab is open to the public.

A definite effort is made to provide information on continuation of education beyond the college experience. Seminary Day involves opportunities to talk with representatives from all Southern Baptist seminaries, and is an annual event. Over ninety per cent of graduates in Religion and Philosophy continue their education in some graduate institution.

The Campbell College Religion Department seeks to make a demanding and academic examination of Christianity and to ask in every area of study, "How does one enter into the Kingdom of God?"

The Campbell College Pastor's School which meets the last week in July (July 24-28) is an experience in continuing theological education. Dr. Frank Stagg of Southern Seminary is the featured scholar for '78.

Each faculty and staff member considers a part of his ministry is to be available to the student for personal guidance and discussion of the student's unique needs. The availability of the Fayetteville Family Life Center, a satellite ministry of the N.C. Baptist Hospital Pastoral Care Program, has proven most beneficial when referral has been necessary. The Religious Activities staff alone relates to an average of more than 200 students per week in dealing with personal needs from the minor to the more complex.

Campbell is aware that some ten opportunities for Vocational Christian Service are now included in the Mission Service Corps program to enlist 5,000 persons in unique Mission service. We seek constantly to project such opportunities and to assist in the placement of persons who feel the Divine call to these places of service.

Stress is placed on being "Christian," as described in Ephesians 4:1. There is a constant effort made to encourage the student in development of a New Testament "lifestyle" which is not on "collision course" with Bold Missions. New concepts of ministry are constantly under scrutiny, with all fresh and innovative concepts being tested experimentally before being introduced into the regular plan of activities.

The college is fully cooperative in its attitude toward the Convention's concepts of Cooperative Program, Bold Missions Support and limitation of appeals for funds through the churches or associations except on the "Special Offering Day."

In addition, our stewardship of possessions includes scholarships to children of ministers, children of Convention employees, children of directors of Missions, youth from our Children's Homes, Pastoral "Certificates of Appreciation" (provided to be given by the pastor to his youth members), pastors in full-time churches, pastors' wives, Acteen and Royal Ambassador scholarships. In 1977-78, the average in grants and loan per undergraduate student at Campbell College was approximately \$1,300.00.

All efforts and programs described here-in are a part of Campbell College's efforts to fulfill a long standing relationship with the Baptist State Convention. These joint efforts in Kingdom endeavors are a part of the Campbell College tradition and are conscious efforts to guide Youth in our keeping toward productive and useful ministries which include Evangelism and helping "Baptist students to become 'evangels.'"

We commit ourselves to a continuation of these objectives.

Chowan College freely recognizes and acknowledges her obligation to foster the total mission emphasis of the Baptist State Convention. Thus, what follows should be interpreted as an accounting of the college's attempt to join in covenant with Baptists toward realizing the goals of "Bold Missions."

MISSION SUPPORT

One primary goal of North Carolina Baptists is to strengthen and to expand our involvement in world missions. Specific recommendations for attaining this goal have been formulated and adopted by the Baptist State Convention. Chowan College can identify eight (8) of these in which she is immediately and directly involved.

1. Doubling the Cooperative Program by 1982 (and doubling it "twice again" by 2000). During the years 1971-1977, Chowan College worked jointly with the Department of Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion in stewardship promotion/advance with emphasis upon increased Cooperative Program giving. Our direct efforts involved thirteen (13) associations, with six hundred fifty (650) cooperating churches.

While the shape of future joint ventures with the Convention's newly created Division of Stewardship is not clear, Chowan is committed to continuing such joint efforts at stewardship promotion as may be designed for cooperative ministry.

2. North Carolina Missions Offering. The extent to which Chowan College has promoted the Baptist College Scholarship (Father's Day) Offering has varied from year to year. Direct mailings have been limited to pastors/churches in the six easternmost associations in the State. Promotion of the 1978 emphasis will consist of a personal letter to pastors/churches in the Region.

The recommended "North Carolina Missions Offering" for 1979 projects an increase in monies to be received by all the colleges. As a recipient of receipts to be derived from this proposed Offering, Chowan College is prepared to aid in the promotion of the annual offering to the mutual benefit of all concerned.

3. Involving church members in ministries and missions. First, in keeping

with the intent of the Convention to broaden the base of trustee representation among churches with 400 members or less, the college administration initiated a "pilot project" in 1977-78 requesting biographical data on persons who would make good trustees. Letters were sent to 32 pastors of churches with less than 400 members. Data received is filed for reference in suggesting trustees, annually, to the Convention's Committee on Nominations. Solicitation of such will be continued.

In the second place, extensive use is made of college facilities for accommodating church groups and their programs/needs. While the summer is necessarily busiest in this regard, the attempt is made to accommodate individuals and groups during the regular academic year, also. The college's Director of Summer Programs notes the use of campus facilities/personnel by seventeen (17) different church or associational groups in "summer programs," 1974-1977, with total attendance of 2,672.

A variety of events/programs scheduled during the regular academic year involved church groups, specifically, in the design of these programs and/or the use of campus facilities for them. Among these are: (a) annual Planning Conferences; (b) deacons' retreats; (c) evening Bible classes; (d) Family Life Seminars; (e) January Bible Study Workshops; (f) preaching workshops; (g) annual RA Day; (h) regional RA basketball tournaments; (i) West Chowan RA Track Meet; and (j) use of banquet facilities in Thomas Cafeteria for church groups. Moreover, the college often invites participation by church groups in portions, at least, of Religious Emphasis Week, Missions Emphasis Week, Campus Evangelism Week, and the like.

4. Estate planning. It is recognized that estate planning represents a stewardship opportunity and challenge which remains foreign to many Baptists. Accordingly, the college has made significant strides in increasing endowment over the last few years. Total endowment resources have increased ten-fold since 1965; three-fold, since 1971. Moreover, the Board of Trustees has endorsed an endowment fund goal of \$5 million by 1980. Consultation with the staff of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation has been, and will continue to be, beneficial in pursuit of these goals.

5. "Calling out the Called" for world missions service. Baptists believe that God calls persons to missions service. Churches and educational institutions may assist the individual in recognizing and identifying God's call, and in preparation for particular service. Chowan College endeavors to aid individual students in sharpening their sense of vocation (calling), both within the directly "church-related" vocations and beyond these. Such "sharpening" may occur in both reflection upon particular curricular programs of study and in conversation/counsel with the college chaplain, student personnel staff members, and members of the faculty.

A particular concern for aiding those students who sense a call to a church-related vocation is evidenced through the college's program of tuition grants-in-aid. Baptist pre-ministerial students are awarded grants of \$500 per semester for a maximum of four semesters of study. Baptist students preparing for other forms of church vocations are awarded grants-in-aid of \$250 per semester for a maximum of four semesters of study. Tuition concessions are also made for full-time Baptist ministers, to children/spouses of Baptist ministers, and to residents of North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes.

6. Direct appeals to the churches. Chowan College has received substantial financial support through the Cooperative Program, annually, since 1950. Such dependable support is of significant aid in projecting the annual budget. Thus, Chowan College refrains from making direct appeals for funds through the churches and associations. Moreover, as indicated above, the college is committed to all appropriate joint efforts in stewardship promotion/advance with the Convention's Division of Stewardship.

7. Institutional development. The development of the institution follows a carefully conceived Long Range Master Plan. All projected additions seek to take full account of anticipated financial resources, student "population" projections, and educational needs of future student generations. Annual operational solvency is considered essential. Non-income producing facilities have been financed through successful capital needs campaigns.

The current development campaign seeks to secure funds for construction of a gymnasium-physical education center--the last major facility projected in the current Master Plan. With the successful completion of this campaign, future development efforts will focus upon estate planning and annual giving.

8. Planned events; opportunities for inspiration, instruction. An invitation is extended to each of the major administrative divisions of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to utilize campus facilities/personnel, whenever possible, for the scheduling of regional meetings. The college intends to continue exploring ways to be of service to North Carolina Baptists through more extensive use of facilities and personnel.

Opportunities for inspiration and instruction among the members of the campus community (faculty/staff, students) are afforded through such organizations as the Baptist Student Union-Campus Christian Fellowship, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the Ministerial Alliance. Recognizing the responsibility for mission education and enlistment is an integral part of the programming/activities/ministries of each of these organizations. Weekly assemblies and periodic "weeks of religious emphasis" are designed to underscore particular facets of the Christian's faith and responsibility in and for his/her world.

Chowan College employs a full-time campus minister (Chaplain to the College). He is responsible for coordinating religious activities on campus, for cooperation with the churches in the provision of deputation teams and/or other services, and for seeking to interpret the place of Christian faith within both the campus community and the larger society. As a direct response to the Bold Mission emphasis, the college and the Division of Youth and Campus Ministries are jointly employing an Outreach Assistant during 1978-79. His primary responsibility will be that of assisting the Chaplain to the College "in administering a balance program of Christian outreach, worship, and nurture on campus."

CHURCH GROWTH

Institutions of Christian higher education can, and should, address themselves to two specific recommendations emanating from the Church Growth Commission.

1. Positive attitude towards evangelism and church growth. The members of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Chowan College are committed churchmen, each of whom has primary teaching and/or preaching responsibilities in the local church. Thus, in terms of personal commitment, each member of the department is involved in some measure of direct evangelism and church growth. The same could be said for other individual faculty/staff members.

Since Chowan is a two-year college, curricular programming in Biblical/religion studies is quite limited. There are no curricular offerings related, directly, to methodology of evangelism and church growth. The method of instruction in introductory courses in Old Testament literature and New Testament literature--required of all students who earn an associate degree from the college--carry no intended negative connotations. Moreover, all faculty/staff members are reminded, frequently, of the college's indebtedness to Baptists and Baptist churches of North Carolina. The Biblical Recorder is provided each member of the faculty/staff.

2. Student evangelism. The Division of Youth and Campus Ministries of the Baptist State Convention has targeted student evangelism as a major emphasis of that Division. An immediate outgrowth of this emphasis has been the formation of an Evangelism Committee of the North Carolina Baptist Student Union. An Evangelism Workshop is scheduled for May 17-19, 1978. The college chaplain and two students will attend this workshop.

New programs and emphases will be needed in the future. The undersigned members of the faculty/administrative committee have been charged with the task of continuing evaluation and further recommendations.

B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., Dean of the College
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R. Hargus Taylor, Chaplain to the College

Gardner-Webb College and the Ministries of
The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Gardner-Webb College is striving to continue the church, community, and Convention service concept characterizing the institution since its founding in 1905 by the Kings Mountain and the Sandy Run Baptist Associations. Those responsible for the direction of the College are seeking to be good stewards of all that has been entrusted to them. This is an abbreviated account of the current attempts in this direction.

The College Supports Convention Programs and Goals

Gardner-Webb favors the doubling of Cooperative Program giving by 1982 and doubling it twice again by the year 2000, and will promote the Convention's plan for three special offerings a year beginning in 1979. Already the College is refraining from making appeals for funds through the churches except as approved by the Convention.

Gardner-Webb is placing emphasis upon church growth and evangelism in the classrooms and through the B. E. Morris Biblical Scholar program, conducted this year by the Reverend Mr. Nane Starnes, retired Pastor and Convention leader.

The College, in association with the Department of Deaf Ministries of the Convention, is making higher educational opportunities available to deaf, and hearing impaired students. A service to the blind in a 50-mile radius is provided through a reading program broadcast over the campus radio station.

A response to the emphasis of the Council on Aging provides for a series of seminars on aging and life enrichment, held periodically on the campus.

The College promotes the Cooperative Program in two Baptist Associations each year as requested by Mr. O. D. Martin, Jr., Director of Stewardship Services.

The Development Office of the College is conducting a 10.5 million dollar Bold Dimensions in Higher Education Program, to provide capital funds for the College and to undergird the financial standing of the institution.

The Christian Service Organization is promoting a scholarship program for students preparing for church-related vocations. The College awards annual tuition grants of \$250 each to students preparing for church-related vocations, and \$125 to students who are dependents of ministers.

The recently established L. R. Harrill Scholarship program provides financial assistance to students preparing for foreign mission service and for foreign missionaries who have returned home for additional study.

The College Strives to Involve and Inform Her Publics

The College maintains the Ministerial Board of Associates, composed of 100 Baptist Pastors, who meet twice yearly on the campus and make suggestions and recommendations to the Trustees of action they deem appropriate.

The College and the Metropolitan Missions Department of the Convention jointly sponsor the Annual Gardner-Webb Ministers' Conference held in March on the campus.

Each fall, in cooperation with the Brotherhood Department of the Convention, "R.A. See the College Day" is held on the campus. This spring, the Pioneer R.A. Conference was conducted at Gardner-Webb.

Joining with the Sunday School Department of the Convention, the College hosts the Pre-January Bible Study Conference each fall, open to pastors and others planning to teach the January Bible Study Course.

The Ministerial Board of Associates plans, promotes, and conducts, Youth Jubilee for 600 young people and their leaders from the churches, who come to the campus each year in May.

The College Endeavors to Prepare Her Students

It is the primary aim and goal of Gardner-Webb to fulfill her mission as an educational institution by providing the best academic program possible. As a byproduct of this effort, students are prepared and sent forth to serve the churches and the denomination as Pastors, Ministers of Education, Ministers of Music, Ministers of Youth and Recreation, and Mission Volunteers.

Presently 217 students have declared majors in the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy, 126 in Religion, 85 in Religious Education, and 6 are in Biblical Languages and Literature.

Preparation of students is provided by out-of-class activities such as: required weekly Convocation attendance, Religious Emphasis Week in the fall, a student led Revival in the spring, student prayer meeting each Wednesday night, membership in the B.S.U., the Ministerial Alliance, Mission Fellowship, Weekly Discipleship Bible Study, Fellowship of Christians United in Service (F.O.C.U.S.) Teams, the Religious Education Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and other clubs and organizations.

The College Shares Her Students

Of the 1,330 students enrolled at the College for the Fall Semester of this academic year, 975 are North Carolina residents. There are 1,024 Baptist students in the student body with a total of 792 from the Baptist Churches in the state. Sixty-eight North Carolina counties, 23 other states, and 1 territory, along with 11 foreign countries are represented in the total student enrollment.

The students participated in programs of Ministerial Education Day in the churches of 16 Baptist Associations during the academic year. Under this plan Ministerial Students are assigned to preach in the churches joining in the effort. This program will be continued.

Teams of students conducted weekend Youth Revival Services and other types of ministry in churches in 5 states during the year, and this ministry will be continued.

A special ministry begun this year is that of a sign language Youth Revival Team for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired people in the churches and schools for the deaf.

The approximate 300 students preparing for church-related vocations involve themselves in many service ministries each summer. Last summer 160 students performed church-related ministries in 12 states and 3 foreign countries.

From the campus base, students conduct devotional programs broadcast by the College radio station, provide a tutoring service in area public schools, carry on a jail and prison ministry, a hospital ministry, a rest home ministry to 3 homes in the area, and assist with a "Special Olympics" program for handicapped children.

The College's Philosophy and Organization Provide for the Strengthening of Relationships With the Churches and the Denomination

The Administration of Gardner-Webb is maintaining and promoting the historical relationship of the College with the denomination. In interviewing prospective employees of the College, the President discusses this matter thoroughly and openly with the person involved, and when a contract of appointment is offered to any individual the following paragraphs are included:

As in the case of all appointments, I want to remind you that Gardner-Webb is a college founded by churchmen and continuing in its relationship to the church. Though it is nonsectarian in its practices, it has a basic Christian commitment and orientation. In essence, the church relationship rests on the conviction of Gardner-Webb's founders and of its current Trustees that a group of persons who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior can, because of their common commitment, create a community distinctive in its approach to higher education.

You should accept the appointment offered to you in this letter only if you genuinely want to join such a community and are prepared conscientiously to uphold and seek to increase the College's effectiveness as an institution of Christian learning. By returning a signed copy of this letter you will indicate your acceptance of this appointment.

The President of the College has visited and spoken to a large number of Pastors' Conferences under the auspices of the Ministerial Board of Associates.

The Office of the Director of Church Relations scheduled a visit by a college representative to approximately 75 of the annual meetings of the Baptist Associations last fall. This plan will be repeated this year.

The Office of the College Minister directs many on-campus activities, as well as consulting with Pulpit Committees and other church committees in carrying out their duties.

The 16 ordained ministers who are members of the administration, faculty, and staff, and many other of the College personnel serve the area churches in interim capacities as Pastors, Ministers of Education, Ministers of Music, Ministers of Youth and Recreation, and other positions.

The campus facilities are opened each summer and on weekends for use by church groups for retreats, conferences, weekend meetings, or continuing education sessions.

The services of the college faculty, administration, and facilities have been offered for the use of the various task forces being formed by the Convention or General Board.

Many members of Baptist Churches serve as members of the Board of Advisors of the College.

The Ministers of Youth in the churches of the Convention have been contacted recently and offered materials and assistance from the College in their counseling with young people about their choice of a college to attend.

MARS HILL COLLEGE

Mars Hill, North Carolina

In the fall of 1975, Mars Hill College published a statement which says in part, "It's a bright, bold new day because we are reaffirming Mars Hill's long-standing commitment to North Carolina Baptists. The college has made a significant contribution to Baptist life during the last century and a quarter, and the present faculty and staff are proud to be a part of the great Southern Baptist world missions outreach."

Because of its Christian heritage, the college acknowledges a dual mission: It is a servant of higher education and an agent of the church. Its primary responsibility is to offer inquiring, maturing young people a sound, challenging academic program in a Christian context. This is in keeping with its mission in higher education. There is a sense in which the college is fulfilling part of its responsibility to the church when it effectively educates its students, for they become the leaders, the workers, the supporters of the church.

Our students today (and those of other Baptist colleges) are tomorrow's pastors, educational directors, ministers of music, recreation directors, college professors, missionaries, denominational leaders, Sunday School teachers, deacons, WMU leaders, Church Training and Brotherhood workers. Without them, our churches would be weak and the Baptist witness at home and abroad would suffer. Today's Baptist college students are a significant segment of tomorrow's faithful church members, whose tithes and offerings will help support our Baptist work and carry the Gospel around the world.

The primary mission of the college is Christian higher education. The following are a few of the specific ministries in which we are engaged:

Department of Religion: Mars Hill College has a well-prepared, dedicated, yet diverse group of seven professors who teach the 34

religion courses. The college offers two courses which are designed to help ministerial students develop their witness as ministers. These courses are "The Christian Minister in Contemporary Society," and "Opportunities and Resources for Christian Ministry." The overall goal of the department is to aid students in developing competence in Biblical, theological, historical, and philosophical areas. The Baptist Youth Corps participants receive practical experience and academic credit for internships in churches. It is easy to see that we can transfer these concepts to the Mission Service Corps of the Southern Baptist Convention.

College Chaplain: The college chaplain, an ordained Baptist minister, leads the students in the Christian pilgrimage through activities outside the classroom. He is the advisor to the Christian Student Movement. The Christian Student Movement, composed of students representing the various denominations within the student body--most are Baptist, of course,--is the organization which coordinates and promotes campus religious activities. Affiliated with the Campus Ministry Department of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, it strives to give a united Christian witness on and off the campus.

The Christian Student Movement sponsors a pre-school retreat for all new students as a means of interpreting to them the distinctively Christian purpose of the college.

A weekly focus for worship and fellowship is provided through the student-led Thursday evening Worship-Sharing Celebration.

Share Groups, each consisting of from five to fifteen students, meet weekly and provide an opportunity for Bible study, prayer, and the development of close, supportive relationships.

The Christian Student Movement, consisting of over 100 students, performs on the campus, in area churches, and makes a spring tour.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes comprises one of the largest "huddle" groups on any campus in the United States. They meet each Wednesday at dinner for fellowship, testimony, and formal programs.

Also, they present their witness to high school age groups in public schools and churches throughout Western North Carolina.

Weekend Revival Teams serve over 15 churches each year. Students, through such teams, offer their witness through music, testimony and preaching. Not only do they present a positive witness, but they gain valuable experience.

Center for Christian Education Ministries: Deuteronomy gives us our command to teach. At Mars Hill College we recognize that this command does not apply solely to classroom teaching, but to Christian education in the local church as well. In its newest outreach program the college is offering direct assistance in Christian education to local churches through the Center for Christian Education Ministries. The Center offers three types of service:

(1) RESOURCES. Books and other materials are available to aid pastors, church leaders and laymen in all phases of church life such as Sunday School, Church Training, missions, stewardship, leadership training, Bible study, worship, youth, family life, and Vacation Bible School. Southern Baptist materials of all kinds may be found in the Center for study and use. College students also have access to these materials and find them useful resources for working with local churches.

(2) TEACHING. Short-term studies and workshops are planned by the director of the Center for the benefit of pastors, church staff and lay persons. The length of such studies varies from one night to six or eight weeks, depending upon the kind of study. Ministers and other church leaders guide the director of the Center in setting up relevant workshops on such topics as pastoral counseling, leadership training, family life forums, and Bible study. Also, Christian Education courses are offered to non-college personnel, as well as college students.

(3) LEADERSHIP. Reaching out from the campus into the surrounding area, the director of the Center visits local churches, when called upon, to assist in various phases of Christian education.

Church Music: Mars Hill has traditionally been strong in church music. The Bachelor of Music degree with a major in church music is now strengthened through the involvement of a newly formed church music advisory committee, composed of leading church musicians from North and South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee.

The church music emphasis within the Music Department is further strengthened by the addition of an internship program for students in church music. This gives the church music major an opportunity for a large part of his learning to be "on-the-job" with highly competent, experienced church musicians in Baptist churches in the area.

Counseling Students in a Christian Setting: The Counseling and Enrichment Center at Mars Hill College is based on the philosophy that every person is important and upon a goal of building Christian character. The staff of the Counseling Center, dedicated Christians who were carefully selected and have been professionally trained, constantly strive, within a Christian context, to aid students in their search for a deeper understanding of themselves and the Christian faith.

In conclusion, the following is a listing of other activities which could be elaborated upon as evidence of our commitment to the diverse ministry of Baptists: college and seminary days for high school and college students, January Bible Study Preparation Day for pastors and families, Week of Christian Study and Fellowship for pastors and families, Youth Retreats for local church groups, Religious Emphasis Week, Lay Witnessing Retreats, Royal Ambassador Day and Church Youth Emphasis Days, U. S. Air Force Chaplains' Conference, Missionary-in-Residence, and faculty who serve as interim pastors.

Mars Hill is committed to focusing the total resources of the college (personnel, finances and physical plant) upon the accomplishing of our Christian commitment.

Report for General Board Members
Meredith College

This report is a response to the concerns and suggestions made by the Mission Support Commission and the Church Growth Commission. Most of the programs and activities dealt with in the report are in progress. The report deals also with some of the planning that is now being made for future projects that will deal with the recommendations of the two commissions. Our primary mission is educational in nature. As an integral part of that mission we want to be of service to Baptists, non-Baptists, the community, and the world. The following report will deal with these efforts in service.

(1) Annual faculty retreat

For the past two years Meredith has sponsored a retreat for its faculty and staff to deal with Christian issues as they relate to the college. Approximately fifty people have attended each of these retreats. The themes have been "Exploring Our Roles as Members of the Faculty in a Christian College" and "Communicating Values at Meredith." The response has been enthusiastic. By getting away from the campus for a retreat, the faculty has been able to wrestle with issues important to a Christian college. Our president serves as chairman of the planning committee. He has offered inspirational leadership. A retreat for next year is in the planning stage.

(2) Faculty and student visit to an Association.

Each year Meredith sends representatives from the faculty, staff, and students to an association in support of the Cooperative Program and the Baptist Colleges. This past year we visited in twenty-one churches in the Union Association with twenty-three participants. There were ten representatives from our faculty and staff and thirteen students. This has proved to be an excellent opportunity for members of the churches to see results of their Cooperative Program giving. It has also been an excellent way for faculty and students to become better acquainted with life in our Baptist churches.

(3) Religion Department.

Meredith has an outstanding Religion Department with four full-time and two part-time professors. All students are required to take two religion courses. These professors not only teach at Meredith but also give of their time and ability in serving in local churches. There are an average of twenty students graduating each year with a major in religion. These students enter seminaries, church-related vocations and other forms of service. Dr. G. Hinton Davies, a well-known Biblical scholar from Wales, has been a visiting professor in religion this past semester. He will also be a visiting professor in 1978-79.

(4) Full-time Campus Minister.

Meredith has a full-time Campus Minister who serves as a "pastor on campus." He works closely with the Meredith Christian Association in planning religious programs on campus. He offers counseling, leads small groups, works with those entering church-related vocations, and sponsors programs to help faculty and staff in their growth in the Christian faith. He works closely with a student committee in planning the weekly worship services. He is also instrumental in planning such events as the faculty retreat, the Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lectureship, and the visit by faculty and students to an association.

(5) Service Projects.

A large number of service projects to the Raleigh community are offered each year by a variety of groups on the campus. Only those sponsored by the Meredith Christian Association will be listed here. They are as follows:

- (a) Tutoring program at Methodist Children's Home
- (b) Tutoring program at the Catholic Children's Home
- (c) Inter-action program with women prisoners
- (d) Recreation program for Governor Morehead School for the Blind
- (e) Activity programs with patients at Dorothea Dix Mental Hospital

(6) Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lectureship.

Each year we have received financial support for a Christian lecture series on the campus. We have had outstanding Christian scholars on the campus. Ministers and lay people are invited as well as students, faculty,

and staff. This year a new feature was a luncheon for ministers. All Baptist pastors in the association as well as selected leaders from other denominations were invited to the campus for lunch and discussion with the lecturer.

(7) Programs for ministers.

The Raleigh Baptist Association holds a monthly luncheon and meeting on the Meredith campus. The Campus Minister has served as program chairman for this group for the last four years. Programs have been aimed at professional and personal growth. An annual pastor's seminar is also held on the Meredith campus with the Campus Minister serving as chairman.

(8) Annual picnic for workers of Baptist State Convention.

Each fall Meredith College holds a picnic for the workers of the Baptist State Convention and faculty and staff of Meredith. It has enhanced the relationship of these two groups.

(9) Religion Courses in Continuing Education.

The Continuing Education Department offers courses in Religion each semester. Meredith is only able to enroll women in its regular curriculum. However, through offerings in continuing education we are able to enroll men and women. It has provided a good opportunity for church leaders to take courses.

(10) Baptist College Day.

Each year on Father's Day Meredith participates in Baptist College Day. Faculty and students make themselves available to speak in churches.

(11) Use of facilities.

Our campus facilities were used during this past year by twenty churches and religious groups. The General Board of the Baptist State Convention holds an annual banquet and meeting in our dining hall.

(12) Worship Services for parents and students.

Twice each year there are special worship services on the campus for parents and students as part of "Parents' Weekends." The average attendance is seven hundred.

Future Plans

- (1) A committee has been formed to study our present service to both Baptists and non-Baptists. This committee will survey present programs and look toward development of additional programs for the future.
- (2) The college is now involved in a self study for the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities. As a part of this study, religious programs will be evaluated and recommendations will be made for future programs.
- (3) The Meredith Christian Association is seeking to evaluate its own programs. One area which has not been developed is "outreach." Therefore, next year there will be an "outreach chairman." This person will be responsible for developing teams of students to hold special services in churches in the area.
- (4) A special scholarship fund is being established next year for Baptist students.
- (5) Ways will be explored by which the Continuing Education Department can be of service to the community and specifically to churches.
- (6) The Campus Ministry Department of the Baptist State Convention is putting an increased emphasis on evangelism. Through various programs held by the department, the Campus Minister will be more aware of possibilities in the area of evangelism.

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

Wake Forest University seeks to shape its goals, policies and practices by Christian ideals. It seeks to help its students to become mature, well informed and responsible persons. The essential mission of the University is to provide excellence in liberal arts education which we hope fulfills the stated purpose of the Convention in bringing the college into being. This excellence includes a voluntary offering of Christian faith and values. Described below are the programs, activities and projected work of administration, faculty and students which we believe give evidence of our desire to cooperate with the Convention in many of its recommendations as set forth by its Mission Support Commission and Church Growth Commission of 1977.

In the field of religion there are seventy undergraduate and graduate courses, twenty of which are biblical studies. The department is keenly aware of the biblical message and its application to our lives. There are also courses in ethics, theology, religious education, comparative religions, church history and pastoral care. These are designed to train and to equip students to be religiously literate and to give a solid foundation to those who major in this field in preparation for a vocation in some phase of church work or Christian ministry.

In addition to the curriculum itself, there are certain school sponsored projects which are designed to train students in the knowledge of the Bible and to help them develop and grow as Christians. For example, there were this past year two special Bible studies. One was conducted by Fred L. Horton, Jr., a professor in the Department of Religion, on "What is Bread?" Another was a Bible study on Exodus which was conducted by campus

ministers for students. Worship services are held weekly at Davis Chapel and are attended by students on a voluntary basis. Speakers are generally guests but the worship service is prepared by the students. A love feast prior to the Christmas holidays is held annually. Approximately 1,400 attended this past year. The Lord's Supper was observed in one of the dormitories just before Christmas and was attended by approximately 300 students, who then went caroling. There were also Lenten and pre-Easter services conducted by the Chaplain.

There were two college sponsored retreats held this last year. A pre-school retreat sponsored by the Chaplain, primarily for freshmen, helped introduce students to college life, faculty and administration and to provide them with insight in the various departments of study. All of this was in the context of devotion and prayer and recreation. In the second semester prior to the spring break, a retreat was held over a two day period which gave students the opportunity to address themselves to a serious inquiry concerning the Christian faith.

Campus ministers are engaged in many significant counseling services with students, faculty, and staff. In addition, campus ministers held over 200 conferences during the year serving as resource persons in program planning and other types of consultation.

In an effort to help students who plan to go into fulltime Christian work, a conference was provided so that they might be assisted in selecting schools for graduate study. Twenty-four schools were represented. Approximately 100 students participated.

Baptist Student Union, the Inter-Varsity Fellowship and the Fellowship

of Christian Athletes are three organizations on campus endorsed by the University which play an important part in the life of over 500 students. Each of these groups has some of its own service projects in which they are reaching out to churches, the homes for the aging and to others with the message and spirit of the Christian faith. For example, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes on the last Saturday of April held what was called "Dogpatch Olympics" in which about 150 young athletes from across the state came to participate in athletic events, Bible study and to hear prominent Christian athletes give their testimony.

Students and faculty are involved in various activities which enable the University to be represented in the churches. During the year 25 students received financial remuneration from the University for work performed in churches where they were employed on a part time basis. Student teams have gone into churches for weekend revivals and programs. Faculty from the Religion Department are engaged in pulpit supply work, interims, teaching programs and, from time to time, revivals.

In various ways, the University is in the process of trying to be of service to the denomination. In the fall of the year, a two day conference is provided for pastors. The one in the fall of 1977 was led by Dr. John Claypool of Jackson, Mississippi who lectured on death and dying. This summer a five day summer conference is being offered to pastors during the first week of July. Every Baptist pastor, educational director, and Director of Missions in the state has been invited to attend for a very nominal fee. We hope that this will become an annual event in which outstanding religious leaders of national reputation, together with faculty members, will be present to lead the program. The University has participated

in the January Bible study for pastors which was held in cooperation with the Baptist State Convention. Annually it is host to at least 2,000 Royal Ambassadors for a Saturday football game.

As further evidence of its involvement in the denominational life, the University maintains with Baptist State Convention the Baptist Historical Collection. This is the official depository of the North Carolina Baptist Historical Memorials and Relics. The collection serves the Baptists of North Carolina in making its resources (which includes over 7,000 books, periodicals, pamphlets and associational minutes) available. Churches, organizations and individuals are invited to place their noncurrent records and papers in the collection for microfilming and storage. On the average, fifty churches a year receive specific help from the Baptist collection.

Next year a series of seven lectures will be given on "Challenges to the Christian Faith in Our Century". Wake Forest is the sponsoring organization. The funds are provided by the North Carolina Humanities Foundation. In these series of lectures, threats to the Christian faith as well as challenges to higher commitment will be explored. Martin Marty, well known editor of the Christian Century, will be one of the lecturers. This represents an effort on the part of the University to meet the needs of the townspeople as well as campus personnel. Every effort will be made to involve churches in this project.

The Hester Lectures, which present philosophy from a Christian perspective, are given each year for the public in general as well as for the campus. Pastors especially have been encouraged to attend and we plan to increase our efforts at this point in the future. The title for the lectures in 1978 is, "Reason, Science and God: The Present State of Natural Theology".

Every other year another series of lectures is given, the purpose of which is to convey the Christian message in the world today. This series, known as the Robinson Lectures, will be given this year by Dr. Edward Ganstad, noted church historian, from the University of California at Riverside.

This year forty-five students are taking advantage of the \$600 provision made for the children and spouses of ministers, missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board, officials of the Baptist State Convention, professors of the North Carolina Baptist colleges and the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Nineteen children of other ministers who do not qualify for this concession received \$150 toward their expenses. The total of these concessions amounted to \$29,850.00 for the 1977-78 term.

In other ways the University has been willing to make itself available to the denomination. In March, for example, it hosted the Executive Committee of the General Board, the Services Rendered Committee and the Wake Forest Convention/Relationship Committee for meetings spanning over two days. On May 21 the churches of the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association will meet in Wait Chapel to present a combined chorus.

In September of 1976 the Board of Trustees took positive action to try to establish better relations with the Baptist State Convention by creating an office of Denominational Relations. The director of this work seeks to interpret the work of the University and its life to the Baptist constituency and to encourage qualified North Carolina Baptist students to attend the University.

The Department of Religion is in the process of preparing a quarterly newsletter to be mailed to Baptist pastors across the state as it seeks to

inform them of the life and work of the University, particularly as it relates to the field of religion.

At the close of the present semester, interest for in-depth Bible study was expressed by members of some of the societies and fraternities on campus. Definite plans are in the making to provide this service for these students, most of whom heretofore have not been reached through other channels.

Wake Forest seeks to stay in touch with its students who have expressed an interest in church-related vocations. There are definite plans to increase our shepherding role in this respect.

The Chaplain's Office will seek to facilitate interest in the Mission Service Corps so that students may have the opportunity to be aware of this project and avail themselves of service to it if they should feel so led.

The University cooperates with the Convention with respect to fund raising and seeks to carry out its own development efforts with full regard for the policies of the Convention.

RESPONSE TO BOLD MISSION GOALS OF THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA
Wingate College

Wingate College seriously assumes its responsibility to the Christian faith and to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The college strives through instruction, extra curricular programs, and by example of word and deed of the faculty and staff to reflect the relevance of the Christian faith in all areas of life and study. The college desires to affirm and support the Bold Missions emphasis of our Convention.

1. Recommend a well-planned program of institutional development.
 - A. The college has had a well-planned program of institutional development which has enabled the institution to be debt free and still offer the lowest charges for tuition, room and board of any private college in the Carolinas. In order to facilitate better institutional development, Wingate has just employed an administrator to take management responsibility for development.
 - B. The college recognizes and practices, in spirit and in letter of the law, the recommendation of the Commission on Church Growth that institutions shall not organize the churches or associations for the purpose of fund raising.
2. That Baptist colleges sponsor planned events for Baptists to attend our campuses.
 - A. Wingate College invites the R.A.'s to a special day in February each year. This past year more than 400 men and boys enjoyed a day on campus, with program, a tour of the campus, and an intercollegiate basketball game.
 - B. The campus minister sponsors a Summer Youth Camp for Baptist church youth groups. Each summer approximately 200 young people attend the camp.
 - C. Once each quarter the college hosts the Union County Baptist Pastors' Conference and serves a complimentary lunch, during which faculty and administrators share with the pastors. The college opens its facilities to the summer conference of the North Carolina Baptist Directors of Missions.
 - D. Facilities of the college are open to numerous church groups in the area for conferences, retreats and recreational experiences.
 - E. In November, a special study is offered for Baptist pastors in preparation for January Bible Study.

- F. The college sponsors a Pastor's College which meets one Monday each month. Baptist pastors are able through this program of continuing education to hear such persons as Dr. Wayne Oates, Dr. Robert Bratcher, Dr. Mark Cortis, and Dr. George Buttrick.
 - G. Local Baptist church youth groups are invited to special religious programs sponsored by the college.
3. That Wingate College encourage local churches to send mission volunteers to our institution.
- A. In the fall of the year we sponsor a Ministerial Education Day which seeks to send one ministerial student to every church in the Union Baptist Association.
 - B. The Christian Student Union organization on the campus sends out numerous weekend revival teams which attract ministerial and mission volunteer students to the campus.
 - C. The Christian Student Union sends out puppet teams which perform in Baptist churches and which share information concerning Wingate College with Christian young people.
 - D. The college has an arrangement with certain churches to send ministerial students on a regular basis for evening services. These students share their faith and their participation in the Wingate College program.
 - E. The college has actively promoted its Acteen and Royal Ambassador scholarships. Next year 10 students who have shown outstanding ability in these programs of their local churches will receive \$4,450 in scholarship monies.
 - F. The college offers Bicentennial Leadership Awards which are often given to mission volunteers and church-related vocation volunteers.
 - G. The president of the college wrote every North Carolina Baptist pastor, urging the pastors to encourage their young people to attend Wingate, and offering to provide financial assistance.
4. That Baptist colleges emphasize the institution's role in the Baptist mission program.
- A. Each year representatives of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards are invited to the Wingate campus to promote participation in their programs.
 - B. Summer missions programs are promoted for Wingate students and faculty. The college has students participating in the Baptist Youth Corps program, the Home Mission Board summer program, N. C. Baptist assemblies

and camps, and in other areas of service through Baptist churches during the summer. Through the office of the campus minister, the college seeks to inform faculty and students of new opportunities of service through Baptist mission programs. Such new programs as the Mission Service Corps are promoted. Next year the college will have one of its faculty members working with the Mission Service Corps in Beirut, Lebanon.

- C. The college seeks to enlist students to participate in the Journeymen and US-2 programs. Several students are preparing to be involved in such programs next year.
 - D. The college seeks to provide mission experiences for the students to give them firsthand knowledge of Baptist mission work. For the past two years, teams of students have gone to Mexico to work with missionaries there. Next year we plan to promote a foreign missions trip, as well as several teams to work with home missionaries sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention.
 - E. Through the new Winternational program, which will provide eligible sophomores with an international experience, we hope to make students aware of the needs of our world as well as acquaint them with Baptist work in these new areas. Preliminary contacts have been made with British Baptists, and officials there have been helpful in planning interchange with Wingate's students and British Baptists.
5. Institutions take the initiative in interpreting how they are fulfilling their mission as Baptist institutions and how they plan to participate in Bold Missions.
- A. The college will continue to participate in programs to provide speakers for churches, especially during the summer months.
 - B. In the past, Wingate has cooperated with certain associations in sponsoring a special emphasis Sunday in which the college provides faculty speakers for as many of the churches in that association as wish to participate on Sunday morning.
 - C. Periodically, the college publishes a tabloid entitled "Wingate College Reports," which is mailed to pastors and churches throughout the state. This seeks to inform Baptist pastors and churches as to Wingate College's emphasis on missions and our desire to maintain close ties with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

- D. Ministerial education days, weekend revival teams, puppet ministry teams seek to inform local churches of Wingate's participation in Bold Missions.
 - E. The college seeks to have articles printed in the Biblical Recorder and other state and Southern Baptist publications to inform the Baptist people as to Wingate's involvement in the Bold Missions program.
 - F. Catalogues and literature are sent regularly to church personnel and to church libraries.
 - G. The college choir and traveling ensemble respond affirmatively to every possible invitation from churches and associations.
6. That the Departments of Religion reflect a positive attitude toward evangelism and church growth and teach the New Testament theology and method of evangelism to ministerial students.

(Wingate College supports this goal of the Church Growth Commission. However, we should like to broaden it. It is our feeling that the goal of fostering a positive attitude toward evangelism and church growth should be the goal of all the faculty and administration of Wingate College and not just the Department of Religion; and that our goal be to teach these not only to ministerial students, but to all students at Wingate College.)

- A. The college requires all students to take six hours of religion in order to receive the degree from Wingate College.
- B. Several programs are sponsored each year with an evangelistic emphasis. The following programs were offered during the 1977-78 year:
 - a. Dr. Leighton Ford, evangelist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, opened the school year with a worship program, emphasizing evangelism.
 - b. Dr. Mark Corts was a guest for three days to deliver five lectures on "The Fundamentals of the Christian Faith."
 - c. A three-day religious emphasis was held in the month of January. This emphasis was called "Awakening '78." The Reverend Charles Freeman, campus minister at Gardner-Webb College led the evening worship services along with the Reverend Ray Rogers, missionary with the Foreign Mission Board.

- d. The Reverend Richard Everett of the Evangelism Department of the Baptist State Convention was invited to lead a two-day seminar on how to give away your faith.
- e. Dr. Byrns Coleman, Professor of Religion and Philosophy, and the Reverend David Smith, Campus Minister, led seminars for ministerial students on sermon preparation and delivery and spoke on principles of church growth.
- f. A daily devotional is prepared by the office of the campus minister and distributed at the college chapel. The purpose of this devotional, entitled "Manna," is to strengthen the spiritual life of the students.
- g. This past year a foreign missionary was invited to speak to all international students on the basic beliefs of the Christian faith.
- h. Each Tuesday night the campus minister speaks at a special worship service entitled Power and Light. Principles of Christian growth, evangelism and churchmanship are taught during this worship experience.
- i. The college sponsors students to attend the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Evangelism Conference sponsored by the Convention. Their attendance informs them of current issues in Baptist work.
- j. Each year, the president of the college shares his personal Christian testimony with the student population.

